Mr. J. John Kattakayam (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): സർ, ഉത്തരം മലയാളത്തിൽ പറഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

President: The proceedings are in English and so the Government member will read the answer in English.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, a point of order. For members who do not know English, is it not necessary to give them an interpreter if the official members are going to answer in English?

President: It is nowhere so laid down.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഞാൻ ചോദ്യം പിൻവലിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

President: That is left to him. So all questions are withdrawn?

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: മലയാളത്തിൽ ഉത്തരംകിട്ടാത്ത ചോദ്യങ്ങളെ എല്ലാം ഞാൻ പിൻവലിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

President: It is nowhere laid down in the Rules. You can ask for an amendment of the Rules. The President allows to talk in Malayalam if he thinks fit. In the Rules there is no provision that the Government member should answer in Malayalam.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: If the member so desires can he not keep an interpreter by his side?

President: Well, there is not the least objection.

Construction of a channel on the western side of the Kottukal Ela.

20. * **Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the estimate for the construction of a channel on the western side of the Kottukal Ela, Neyyattinkara, has been prepared and, if so, when?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Enigneer*): It is under preparation.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I know whether the estimate has been sanctioned?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: It has not been sanctioned. It is under preparation.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: What is the delay in the preparation of the estimate?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: There is not any delay.

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Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I know from the member whether representations from the public and the members of the Legislative Council and Assembly have not been repeatedly made that this is an urgent work and that unless it is done immediately no useful purpose will be served by that?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The member must understand that the Irrigation Division was formed purposely for this sort of work and estimates are being prepared by the Irrigation Division and they will be submitted in due course.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I know when the eastern side of the channel was opened and the cost of it?

Mr G. B. E. Truscott: I claim notice.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I know whether the Government or the Chief Engineer have enquired into the complaints by the people that the western side would be useless for cultivation for want of a channel?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I am afraid that that supplementary question has nothing to do with the question on the paper.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether any provision is being made in the departmental budget for that purpose for the next year?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: If you refer to the Financial Secretary's budget speech you will find that Rs. 5 lakhs have been provided to form an Irrigation Reserve Fund.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether any provision has been made for this particular work?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: No.

Irrigation works in certain pakuthies of Nedumangad taluk.

21. ***Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount sanctioned; and

(*b*) the amount spent on irrigation works in the pakuthies of Perumkulam, Veeranakavu, Ozhamalakal, Kulattummel, Vellanad and Mannurkara of Nedumangad during each of the years 1107, 1108 and 1109 (up to 19-11-1109)?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) The amounts sanctioned for the works in the Kulattummel pakuthi where alone irrigation work was carried out in the years are:—

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